12. *Accidents.*—There were ten fatal accidents during the year against nine in the previous year and seven during 1935-36. Of the ten accidents, six relate to laymen coming in contact with live wires, two to malicious interference with power lines and one to a villager committing suicide. The other one relates to a departmental employee at Kankanhalli coming in contact with the high voltage equipment. All possible precautions are being taken by the department to avert such accidents in future.

13. *General.*—During the year under review, service was given to Bhadravati Old Town and seven other villages, *viz.*, Gulur, Nadige, Bidarhalli, Begadi, Lakshmidevapuram, Hadonahalli and Herebidnur. The Bangalore Automatic Telephone Exchange was opened for service on the 1st September 1937 with a capacity of 500 subscribers. To meet the immediate demand, an estimate amounting to Rs. 43,700 has been sanctioned during the year for extending the exchange to accommodate 700 subscribers. Even this extended unit is expected to be utilised immediately the additional equipment is put into service. The Chief Electrical Engineer has submitted another estimate amounting to Rs. 5,15,000 for providing additional equipment. From the above progress, it is gratifying to note that the advantage of telephone communication is being fully availed of by the public.

The new balancing reservoir constructed in connection with the IX Installation Scheme was completed and water let in on the 7th June 1938.

With a view to afford relief, rules were revised for the supply of irrigation pumps on the hire purchase system which reduced the rate of interest on the balance of instalments from 6 per cent to 5 per cent.

14. *Conclusion.*—The working of the department continued to be satisfactory during the year.

H. N. COLAM,
Secretary to Government,
Electrical Department.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Sanctions the appointment of five gentlemen as members of the Committee of the Public Branch of the Mysore Government Life Insurance Department for a period of three years from 1st January 1939.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 8956-9015—G. F. 373-34-2, dated 15th June 1935, increasing the number of elected members of the Public Branch of the Mysore State Life Insurance Committee from three to five with effect from 1st January 1936.

2. Government Order No. Fl. 5601-3—G. F. 161-35-2, dated 10—13th January 1936, sanctioning the appointment of five gentlemen who secured the highest number of votes as Members of the Mysore State Life Insurance Committee (Public Branch) for a period of three years from 1st January 1936.

3. Letter No. A. 262, dated 22nd December 1938, from the Secretary, Mysore Government Life Insurance Department, stating that the term of office of the five gentlemen referred to above was due to expire on 31st December 1938, arrangements were made for a fresh election and requesting sanction to the appointment of the undermentioned five gentlemen who secured the highest number of votes as members of the Committee of the Public Branch of the Mysore Government Life Insurance Department for a period of three years from 1st January 1939.

1. Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar, B.A., B.L., Advocate and Municipal Councillor, Gandhi Nagar, Bangalore City.
2. Mr. P. H. Krishna Rao, M.A., Secretary to Government, Local Self-Government Department, Bangalore.
3. Mr. H. B. Gundappa, B.A., B.L., President, District Board, and Member, Mysore Legislative Council, Hassan.
4. Mr. B. Ramachandrachar, Helper, Mysore Government Life Insurance Department, Bangalore.
5. Mr. Abdul Aziz Khan, B.A., Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

ORDER NO. FL. 5150-4—G. F. 223-38-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 6TH FEBRUARY 1939.

Sanctioned.

A. N. RAGHAVACHAR,
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